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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7223**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 246

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 3, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Juvenile Court Magistrates.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Bray

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☐ **DEDICATED**  
☐ **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

STATE IMPACT	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		849,116	849,116
Net Increase (Decrease)		(849,116)	(849,116)

LOCAL IMPACT	CY 2003	CY 2004	CY 2005
Local Revenues			
Local Expenditures	(351,840)	(703,681)	(703,681)
Net Increase (Decrease)	351,840	703,681	703,681

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

(A) It requires the state to pay the full salary of 17 full-time juvenile magistrates who are currently paid in part from state funds and in part from county funds.

(B) It corrects a technical error to bring the law governing the Elkhart Circuit Court into conformity with provisions of the law governing the Elkhart Superior Court that state the number of magistrates jointly appointed by the Elkhart Circuit and Superior Courts. (The introduced version of this bill was approved by the Commission on Courts.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The added costs for the state would be \$849,116 per year based on current county share of magistrate salary.

County Share of Juvenile Court Magistrate Salary		\$41,393
Employee Share of Public Employees Retirement Fund	+	\$1,242
Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance Costs ( <i>See Note</i> )	+	\$4,146
County Share of Social Security Payments	+	<u>\$3,167</u>
Total Cost for Each Magistrate:		\$49,948
Number of Magistrates	x	<u>17</u>
Added Expenditures for the State		<u><b>\$849,116</b></u>

*Note:* The costs of health, dental, and vision insurance for state employees is currently projected to be \$8,291 for FY 2003. It appears that roughly half of the juvenile court magistrates elect to receive these benefits from the counties in which the court is located and half elect to receive state-paid benefits. Based on these assumptions, the additional cost to the state will be \$4,146 per magistrate.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The Office of State Court Administration reports that 17 juvenile court magistrates are employed in nine counties across Indiana. ***The estimated salary savings to these nine counties is \$703,681.*** Counties would also realize some additional cost savings for health insurance if the state assumes the costs of health insurance for the magistrates who elect to receive their health benefits from the county of employment.

**State Agencies Affected:** Office of State Court Administration.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Allen, Elkhart, Johnson, Lake, Marion, Porter, St. Joseph, Vanderburgh, and Vigo Counties.

**Information Sources:** Office of State Court Administration.

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